


# Sunday 18th February 2024



**WELCOME** to the United Parish. We hope that you feel at home in our church family. It is our prayer that you will know the love that God has for you today as we in praise, hearing God speak to us, sending us out equipped for the week ahead.

## This Sunday

10.00am Christ Church  
Morning Prayer

11.30am St John's  
Morning Praise

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

10.00am Christ Church  
Family Service

11.30am St John's  
Family Service &  
Holy Baptism

# For Your Attention

## Rural Deanery Services

We had a great turn out at Kells for our first service. These are always a fantastic opportunity to meet others, visit different churches and listen to weekly teaching as we journey towards Easter.

**Wed. 21<sup>st</sup> February Templepatrick**

Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> February, St John's Ballyclare

Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> March, Muckamore

Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> March Antrim

Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> March, Kilbride

**Revd Jeremy Mould**

Revd Jonny

Revd Derek Harrington

Ven. Stephen McBride

Revd John McClure

All services start at **7.30pm**, this year's theme is 'Grounding',

**Pick up a card in church this morning providing all the details.**

## Who was St Patrick?

Time to find out on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March** in St John's Church & Hall. Play it by Ear Drama Company will be performing their St Patrick's Show and Connor Children's Council will be providing crafts and activities in the halls. There is also a colouring competition which children can take part in by printing, colouring and bringing along the colouring sheet. (Attached or from Church) Everyone who takes part will get a prize and the overall winner will be announced on Facebook after the event.

**Shows will be at 11am and 1pm and booking is required.**

**Each show will be followed by crafts and games in the hall.**

**Pick up a leaflet in Church this morning.**

## World Day of Prayer 2024

This year it is the turn of the United Parish to host the World Day of Prayer which will focus on Palestine. Please join us on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 in St John's Hall @7:30pm** for the annual service written by the ladies of the Christian Church in Palestine. This year we will have a café church; such a wonderful opportunity to join others from our community for fellowship, reflection, and prayer.

# Pastoring

## Please pray for:

Pray for Robina Stewart in Massereene Manor. Anne Irvine & Betty Robinson in hospital. Bertha Haugh, Winston Jenkins & Eileen Green who are recovering at home after hospitalisation.

Liz McConnell will be returning home shortly after successful hip procedure, pray for healing and recovery.

Continue to pray for, Mervyn & Hilary Smylie, & Anna Mitchell.

Pray for all the close family and relatives of the late Bob Martin who died recently may they know the comfort of the Holy Spirit at this sad time; also-

Continue to pray for all the relatives of the late Stella Ferguson who sadly died at the end of January.

## Connor Connections Magazine

It's always good to keep abreast of what's happening in our Diocese. We have copies of Connor Connections in both Christ Church & St John's. Please collect your free copy.

# Going deeper

## Save the Date!

It's quite a while away- good to get it into your diary.



Information is starting to trickle through for the above event. In the meantime, if you wish to find out more, please visit the following link: <https://www.cief.church/1st>

## UCB Bible Notes

This quarters edition (Feb, March, April) is now available in both Christ Church & St John's and from your pastoral visitor. This is a free daily devotional, - a short inspirational thought to start the morning or at bedtime.

Margaret Bowers who looks after UCB in N. Ireland will be talking to us about the work of the charity later in April.

# Shaping a new generation

## Safeguarding Trust

Revd Jonny and the Select Vestry are committed to upholding good practice in the parish's ministry with children & young people. Safeguarding is overseen by the Select Vestry and the Safeguarding panel. Should you have any queries or concerns please contact the safeguarding panel immediately: Revd Jonny 07808 479649, Ms Ashleigh Reid 07732 053604 & Mrs Pat Craig 07584 929758

## Sunday Morning Groups

All groups meeting in Christ Church & St John's will be recommencing on this Sunday (**18<sup>th</sup>**) – normal times.

# Reaching Out & Welcoming in

## Friday Fellowship

Friday Fellowship is on in Christ Church on **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** at **11.00am**. If you need transport, please contact Sophie or David in the Church Office.

## You are Invited!

**Everyone** is invited to Christ Church Hall on **Monday 26th February at 2.30pm**. Our speaker is Revd Jonny who will be sharing his experiences during the two Mission Trips he took part in last year. Firstly, when he travelled to Kenya as part of our CMSI Parish Partnership with the Tujisaidie Project, and then in July he led a group of our young people on an Exodus mission trip to Tarragona. Mothers' Union is hosting this open afternoon and extend an invitation to all parishioners to come and join us as we hear firsthand the challenges faced by the communities on a daily basis and how the teams brought the love of God through teaching, bible study, friendship, fun and making strong connections.

## Christ Church BBC Radio Ulster Service

On **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 at 10.00am** BBC Radio Ulster will be broadcasting the morning service from Christ Church. It would be good and important to have a good turnout from the parish at this service-raise the roof with the singing!

## Register of Vestry Members & Easter Vestry

The Register of General Vestry members will be **open for the month of February for review and addition**. Anyone who would like to register as a new member of the church can use the forms at the back of church (residents for those living inside the parish boundaries or accustomed for those living outside the parish boundaries) or from our website: <https://theunitedparish.org.uk/resources/forms/>  
A review of all amendments will be conducted at the March Select Vestry meeting. **Please pick up our new Vestry leaflet 'What's it all about then?' in church this morning.**

# Partnering

## Baby Basics

Thank you to everyone's continuing generosity. During 2023 we have been able to support 90 families. Presently we are so well stocked that we cannot take any further donations at this time.

## CMSi-Quarterly Magazine

The winter edition of 'Inmission' is available in both churches. Packed with information & facts about global mission.  
**Please pick up a free copy.**

## Release International- Hazaq Coffee

New coffee supplies have arrived. Available at back of St John's or Church office. The cost is £6.00 per bag with all proceeds going to the work of Release International.

## Munch on Mondays

We have received substantial funding from Antrim & Newtownabbey Council to allow us to provide additional food to the community. For a short period from week commencing **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** the food table will be open on **Monday & Friday mornings**. If you would like to help staff the table, contact Frances on 07791 249025.

# OUR VALUES

Jesus at the centre

Offering a **pastoral** heart

Going **deeper** with God

**Shaping** a new generation

**Reaching** out and welcoming in

**Partnering** in the Gospel

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Any items for publication in the News Sheet must be with David by **12.00 noon on Thursday.**

If you have a matter which requires the attention of the Select Vestry, you can contact them in the following way: - Lorraine Ogilby Hon. Secretary ([logilby@gmail.com](mailto:logilby@gmail.com)) or Mobile 07588 039093

